Crew in Crash Had Medical Problems

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It has not been publicized, but all three crew members of the plane that crashed in Ardmore, Okla., April 22, killing 75 servicemen, had medical problems.

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Chief Pilot Reed Pigman was under treatment for arteriosclerosis, and nitrogen tablets with his name on the bottle were found in the wreckage. Pigman was president of American Fliers, the nonsked line that was carrying the servicemen.

The copilot, Wilbur Marr, had arteriosclerosis in a mild form. This turned up on autopsy. It was not known before the accident.

Flight engineer Charles Grey is reported to have been under psychiatric treatment.

Flight crews are required to take Federal Aviation Agency medical exams every six months. All three had been passed by FAA doctors.